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YOU'RE INVITED: Special event announcement coming soon...

The OFBCI, along with the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network and partnering state agencies, will host the first ever "Government Grants Symposium: expand your knowledge, meet the funders."

Though there is more information yet to be released, please mark your calendars for two Government Grant Symposiums that the OFBCI will be holding in conjunction with a number of state agencies.

Symposium partners will talk with attendees about grants available to faith-based organizations and nonprofits, as well as other resources available to your organizations.



The first regional symposium is planned for August 1 in [South Bend at Ivy Tech Community College](#).

The second will be hosted by the [Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center in Evansville](#) on August 22.

More information will be released via a special announcement coming to your email inbox soon.



Quick Links:

[Indiana OFBCI](#)

[One Stop Shop](#)

[AmeriCorps Indiana](#)

[State of Indiana](#)

Community events:

- May 23-26 - [Neighborhoods USA Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)
- Jun. 1 - [Deadline to apply for IDHS' Operation Safeguard](#)
- Jun. 9 - [Walking for Dreams local nonprofit benefit](#)
- Jun. 13 - [Afterschool Network College & Career Readiness Forum](#)
- Jun. 21 - [Indiana Commission on Community Service & Volunteerism meeting](#)
- Jun. 24 - [MLJ Adoptions Annual Picnic \(free\)](#)

LeaderCorps finishes strong



Pictured above: Program Director Advisor, Erin Reuland, and LeaderCorps member, Derek Andrews ([AIHTI](#)) are shown putting their creative powers to work as they illustrated and shared about their experience. Members collaborated, sharing what they learned, who they worked with, and how it prepared them for the future.

[LeaderCorps](#) members took part in their last official meeting of the year at [Second Helpings in Indianapolis](#) on May 15, 2012. Second Helpings is an Indianapolis based non-profit community kitchen specializing in food rescue, fighting hunger and culinary job training.

As an action-driven "thank you" to Second Helpings for hosting their meeting, [LeaderCorps](#) members organized a pasta drive. They collected 350 pounds of pasta which they gathered at their service locations. Officials at Second Helpings indicated that this would make around 528 meals for individuals in the Indianapolis area.

[Read more by clicking here...](#)

For youth you know in your faith-based or community organization: Check out 'Operation Safeguard'



[Operation Safeguard's](#) tagline reads "When disasters or local emergencies strike, youth need to be prepared. They should be part of the solution." And who better to be part of the solution than youth affiliated with your

faith-based or community-based organization?

As the Indiana Department of Homeland Security website describes it, "The FREE academy seeks to promote resilience for children and youth in disasters by training

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Indiana youth in essential principles of disaster response. Students will interact with a variety of public safety personnel with emergency response and homeland security responsibilities at local, state, and national levels."

[Read the full description for the academy by clicking here.](#)

The OFBCI encourages you to share this information with youth you know, as it can only strengthen the resilience of your organization, and your community as a whole, through any emergency situation.

To apply, interested persons must submit materials that are [outlined here](#), by June 1, 2012.

You can help prevent foreclosure

The OFBCI has a special request. Our agency is asking you, members of a community of service as well as members of community-based and faith-based organizations, to share this resource with your friends, neighbors, congregants, and peers in and beyond your faith community.

There is hope for families facing foreclosure, and though it is only with your participation that the whole person can be helped with other trials they may be going through, the State of Indiana has resources that may help individuals facing foreclosure.

Check out www.877gethope.org for more information, and please share this with those you know.

Other ways you can help:

Tweet to spread the word: "Prevent #foreclosure, #Indiana. Spread hope. Tell your friends, neighbors, peers, congregants about www.877GetHope.org"

Dedicate a status update on Facebook: "Every Hoosier can help play a role to prevent foreclosure in Indiana. Spread hope: tell your friends, neighbors, peers, congregants, and everyone you know about www.877GetHope.org"



News that is useful to you:

If you would like to see something in the OFBCI News, please email Derek Trovillion at:

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HELP FOR HARDEST HIT HOMEOWNERS

Mortgage assistance available to unemployed Hoosiers.

The Hardest Hit Fund helps Indiana homeowners who are struggling to make their mortgage payments due to job loss or temporary financial hardship. Qualified homeowners may receive mortgage payment assistance while they search or retrain for new employment. The maximum amount of assistance is either \$12,000 or \$18,000, depending on the county of residence. All assistance under this program is considered a loan. The loan will only have to be repaid if the homeowner sells the property before the forgiveness period expires (10 years) and there is sufficient equity to pay the loan.

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AmeriCorps*State in the news: Americorps member Stanfill serves needy with kindness, compassion

*An uplifting story about an AmeriCorps*State member working with a local nonprofit, Housing Opportunities, to make a positive difference in the community.*

From the [Northwest Indiana Times](#)

Jordan Stanfill is young, with a fresh degree in history from Valparaiso University. But he'd be the first to admit that he still had a lot to learn. As an AmeriCorps member managing the food pantry at [Housing Opportunities, Inc.](#), Stanfill has come face to face with needs in his community.

"For a long time, I was able to live in a kind of college bubble," the 25-year-old native of Goshen admitted.

"Serving in a food pantry has definitely opened my eyes to the struggles that a lot of people go through in Valparaiso."

[Read the rest of the story by clicking here...](#)